PAST WHAT’S RIGHT WITH THE REGION HONOREES

2019

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**
CyberUp (formerly Midwest Cyber Center)
Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition
It’s Your Birthday, Inc.
Kranzberg Arts Foundation

**Fostering Creativity for Social Change**
COCA – Center of Creative Arts
New Line Theatre
Perennial
Shakespeare Festival St. Louis

**Improving Equity and Inclusion**
Challenge Unlimited, Inc.
Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience
Inda Schaenen, Project Lab St. Louis
Salam Clinics

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
Gateway to Innovation
HealthWorks! Kids Museum
NCADA
Rebuilding Together

**Emerging Initiatives**
A Red Circle
Saint Louis ReCAST
Sustainable Housing Initiative, a program of Criminal Justice Ministry
Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children’s Hospital

**FOCUS Leadership Award**
Bob Fox

**Alumni Award**
Chris Chadwick

**Emerging Alumni Award**
Blake Strode

2018

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**
Arts As Healing Foundation
Home Sweet Home
The Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel
Special Needs Tracking & Awareness Response System (STARS), a program of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**
Gateway Housing First
Ready by 21 St. Louis
St. Louis Area Diaper Bank
T-REX Innovation Center

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**
BESt Summer Pharmacy Institute
Metro Trans Umbrella Group
Springboard to Learning
St. Louis County Family Court – Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
Michele Duffe
Pattonville School District
Brenda Smith, Principal, Vashon High School 9th & 10th Grade Academy
Jason Watson, Director of Beyond Jobs

**Emerging Initiatives**
Active Advocacy Coalition
Better Together: St. Louis City-County Governance Task Force
Green House Venture
St. Louis CDFI Coalition

**FOCUS Leadership Award**
Dennis Lower

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2017

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**
City of St. Louis Treasurer's Office College Kids Children’s Savings Program
Prosperity Connection
ready + willing
St. Louis MetroMarket

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**
Affton School District
Forest Park Forever and the City of St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry
Normandy Schools Collaborative
Veterans Business Resource Center

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**
Sophie Bernstein, founder of Go Healthy St. Louis
The Ferguson Collaborative
North Side Community School
Saint Louis University Family Medicine Residency

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
Arch Grants
Kids Rock Cancer, a program of Maryville University
Myrtle Hilliard David Comprehensive Health Centers
St. Louis Mosaic Project

**Emerging Initiatives**
Natalie DuBose, owner of Natalie’s Cakes & More
SIUE’s Grow Your Future: A Multi-generational Approach to Breaking the Cycle of Poverty
Seniors Count of Greater St. Louis
We Stories
FOCUS Leadership Award
Dr. Kelvin Adams and the SLPS Special Administrative Board

2016
Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
EarthDance Organic Farm School
Jazz St. Louis
Rx Outreach
St. Louis County Library

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Construction Forum STL
EducationPlus
Flood Disaster Response Collaboration
St. Louis Family & Community Partnership

Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice
ArchCity Defenders
City Garden Montessori School
James Clark
Amy Hunter

Promoting Stronger Communities
International Institute of St. Louis – St. Louis Citizenship Project
Kingdom House
The Little Bit Foundation
Twigs, a program of Family Treehouse

Responding to Community Needs and Entrepreneurs
Alive and Well STL
The Ferguson Commission
STL Youth Jobs
WGU Missouri

FOCUS Leadership Award
Dr. Jason Purnell

2015
Demonstrating Innovation Solutions
Citizens for Modern Transit
Food Outreach, Inc.
Missouri History Museum – Teens Make History Program
Saint Louis Earth Day

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Behavioral Health Response
Cover Missouri Coalition, an initiative by the Missouri Foundation for Health
Small Business Relief Program
St. Louis Regional Interoperable Communications Core Group

Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice
Holocaust Museum & Learning Center
Promoting Stronger Communities
Call for Help, Inc.
Ferguson Youth Initiative
Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church
UMSL Bridge Program

Responding to Community Needs & Entrepreneurs
Healing Hearts Bank of National Council of Jewish Women – St. Louis Section
Justine PETERSEN
LaunchCode
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Community Economic Development Program

FOCUS Leadership Award
Martin L. Mathews
Rev. Chet Cantrell

2014
Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
The BEACH Project
Caring for Kids
Kids Vision for Life – St. Louis
Operation Food Search
Safe Connections

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis
BioSTL
Great Rivers Greenway – Centennial Greenway
St. Louis Integrated Health Network
St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

Promoting Stronger Communities
Epworth Children & Family Services
Gateway Greening
Gateway to Better Health
Logos School
Mid-East area Agency on Aging

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
The Ethics Project
Loyola Academy of St. Louis
New Life Enterprises – Project Graduate
PROMO
Shalom House

FOCUS Leadership Award
Chris Krehmeyer
2013

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**
Brittany Woods Community School Initiative
Institute for Family Medicine
Madison County Transit Trails
The SPOT
World Chess Hall of Fame and Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**
Accelerate St. Louis
Community Council of St. Charles County
Nine Network of Public Media – KETC
Poplar Street Bridge Project
RBC Young Professionals Network

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**
The BEACON Project, Saint Louis Effort for AIDS
The Bosnia Memory Project
Latino Leadership Institute
NAACP – St. Louis City
Shearwater Education Foundation

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
The Bridge
Lift for Life Gym
Sebrina Johnson
The St. Louis Children’s Choirs
University City Children’s Center

**FOCUS Leadership Award**
Frankie Muse Freeman

2012

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**
Special Needs Registry – Department of Human Services, City of St. Louis
Judy Sindecuse, CEO/Manager, Capital Innovators
America SCORES St. Louis
Better Living Communities
Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**
Great Circle
CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation & National Park Service
St. Louis Alliance for Reentry (STAR)
St. Louis Graduates
St. Louis County, Office of Community Development & Laclede Gas Company

**Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice**
SIUE East St. Louis Center
Places at Page
Deborah Nelson-Linck, Curator – The Hands On Black History Museum
Gateway Men's Chorus
"The Pruitt-Igoe Myth" – Paul Fehler, Producer
Promoting Stronger Communities
St. Louis Area Foodbank
Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club of St. Louis, Inc.
KDHX Community Media
After School for All Partnership (ASAP)
St. Louis Community Credit Union

FOCUS Leadership Award
Rev. Jerry Paul

2011
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Crossroads College Preparatory School
Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.
The Magic House, St. Louis Children’s Museum
Marian Middle School

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Healthy Kids Express—Pediatric Mobile Health Program
Judge Jimmie M. Edwards
Simone Bernstein
St. Louis Bread Co. Cares Café

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Healthy Eating with Local Produce
Midwest China Hub
Peter & Paul Community Services
St. Louis Healthy Families

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Educational Equity Consultants
William M. Fogarty, M.D.
The Haven of Grace
Youth In Need

Promoting Stronger Communities
24:1—an Initiative led by Beyond Housing
Francie Broderick and Places for People
Paraquad
Wings of Hope

FOCUS Leadership Award
Donald M. Suggs

2010
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
City Academy
Churchill Center & School for Learning Disabilities
Marshall Cohen
Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center at UMSL
Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Extreme Recruitment™
Innovate Venture Mentoring Service
Missouri Women in Trades
Trailnet

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls
American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter
Des Lee Collaborative Vision at UMSL
Casa de Salud

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Center for Survivors of Torture & War Trauma
St. Cecilia Parish
St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
St. Louis Internship Program

Promoting Stronger Communities
Lynn Wittels
St. Louis Public Library
Dennis Kelley
Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation

FOCUS Leadership Award
John Vatterott

2009
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis
Interchange
Ladue Schools C.U.R.E. Committee
Kevin M. Short

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Connections to Success
GO! St. Louis Read, Right & Run Marathon
St. Louis ArtWorks’ Boomerang Press
St. Louis City Family Courts—Neighborhood Accountability Boards

Fostering Regional Cooperation
I-64 Project Team
Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis
St. Louis Regional Engineering Academy
YWCA St. Louis Regional Sexual Assault Center

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
The Black Rep
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Martin Matthews
Rabbi Susan Talve
Promoting Stronger Communities
Guardian Angel Settlement Association
Kathleen Hummel
Legal Advocates for Abused Women
PayBack

FOCUS Leadership Award
Anna Crosslin

2008
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Dr. Linda Henke
KidSmart—Tools for Learning
Miriam School
North St. Louis YouthBuild

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Committed Caring Faith Communities
Construction Careers Center
Delta Dental of Missouri’s “Teeth on the Go” Program
Judy Pearlstone, Project Backpack

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Alliance on Mental Illness—NAMI St. Louis
Great Rivers Greenway District and Metro-East Park and Recreation District
Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District
Mid-Metro 4

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
College Summit—St. Louis
Community Health-In-Partnership Services
Health and Dental Care for Kids
Independence Center

Promoting Stronger Communities
Bob Hansman and Jovan Hansman
Covenant House Missouri
En Team Organization—Operation Cooperation
PHL, Inc.

FOCUS Leadership Award
Richard Archibald, Ph.D.

2007
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
College Bound
MySci™ Investigation Station
Pfizer Inc.—St. Louis Laboratories
Webster University

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
CHADS Coalition for Mental Health
Ranken Jordan
RideFinders
Spencer’s Fund

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**
Citizens for Missouri’s Children
Robert K. Massie, DDS
Old North St. Louis Restoration Group
St. Clair Special Emergency Services Association

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**
James H. Buford
CLAYCO
Doorways, an Interfaith AIDS Residence Program
Sherwood Forest Camp

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
Diane Berry
Life Skills
Missouri Foundation for Health
The Wellness Community

**FOCUS Leadership Award**
Margaret Bush Wilson

**2006**

**Creating Quality Educational Opportunities**
Central Institute for the Deaf
Nahed Chapman
Metro Theater Company
Teach for America—St. Louis

**Demonstrating Innovative Solutions**
Cultural Festivals
Gateway Foundation
H.I.S. K.I.D.S., Inc.
REAP (Redevelopment Opportunities for Women – ROW’s Economic Action Program)

**Fostering Regional Cooperation**
Family Resource Center and Family Support Council
NorthPark Partners
St. Louis Regional Health Commission
St. Louis Sports Commission

**Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice**
Council on American-Islamic Relations
Cultural Leadership
Paul Kruse
Betty Thompson

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
Big Brothers Big Sisters
John Burse
MORE (Grace Hill Settlement House—Member Organized Resource Exchange)
Theresa Loveless
FOCUS Leadership Award
David Kemper

2005
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS)
Henry Shannon
The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis
Aaron Williams

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Alton Steel Inc.
Blessing Basket Project
Duckett Creek Sanitary District
Fair Saint Louis

Fostering Regional Cooperation
The McKinley Bridge Project
Willie B. Nelson, Sr.
Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance
St. Louis Council on Early Childhood Success

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis
Faith Beyond Walls
League of Women Voters of St. Louis
Charles A. Newman

Promoting Stronger Communities
Family Support Network
Girls Holla Back! Project—Missouri Institute of Mental Health
Lydia’s House
A Place to Call Home

FOCUS Leadership Award
Darnetta Clinkscale

2004
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Community Partnership Program—Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra
Joyce Roberts
Parents As Teachers National Center
Peabody Education Task Force

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
St. Vincent de Paul Mobile Kitchen
Let’s Start
MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
Minority Youth in Construction Program
Fostering Regional Cooperation
Ford Hazelwood Task Force
Mississippi River Beautification and Restoration Project
St. Louis For Kids
Vision for Children at Risk

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Dismantling Racism
Equal Housing Opportunity Council
Give Kids A Smile
St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative

Promoting Stronger Communities
The Junior League of St. Louis
Missouri Alliance for Children and Families
Nurses for Newborns
St. Louis City CASA

FOCUS Leadership Award
John Baricevic

2003
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Aim High St. Louis
Dr. Terry Stewart, Superintendent, Jennings School District
Girls Incorporated of St. Louis
The Metropolitan Education and Training Center

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Steve Trampe: Owen Development
Stray Rescue
The Caring Workplace Program
Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Advantage Capital Partners
Metropolitan Medical Response System
Monsanto Co.: Donald Danforth Plant Science Center/Nidus Center for Scientific Enterprise
The Confluence Greenway

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Anytown Youth Leadership Institute
Brenda Mahr
Iris Jacob
Richard (R.J.) Krause

Promoting Stronger Communities
Beyond Housing
National Council of Jewish Women—St. Louis Section
St. John’s Home and Community Care
Saint Louis Crisis Nursery
FOCUS Leadership Award
Kathryn E. Nelson
Bert Walker III

2002
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
CHARACTER plus Program—Cooperating School Districts
Dr. David C. Thomas, Director and CEO, Logos School
The Belle Center
YWCA Head Start Program

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Teens Care
St. Louis County Truancy Court
The Madison County Recycling Program
ReStore—Habitat for Humanity St. Louis

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Bi-State Development Agency/MetroLink
St. Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership
Cities of Clayton, Maplewood, and Richmond Heights
Libraries Without Boundaries

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Community Links Program of the International Institute of Metro St. Louis
The Joint Venture of Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church and Central Reform Congregation
The Diversity Awareness Partnership
St. John’s Mercy Neighborhood Ministry

Promoting Stronger Communities
Parkview Gardens Association
East Side Heart and Home
St. Patrick Center
Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc.

FOCUS Leadership Award
Joseph P. Hubbard
Max J. Starkloff

2001
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Dr. Maureen Clancy-May
Dr. James Dennis
Ready Readers
Kevin Walker
Young Audiences of St. Louis

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Rosemary Davison
Faith House
Fathers’ Support Center
Guardian Angel Settlement Earth Angels
McCormack Baron
Fostering Regional Cooperation
Dr. Richard Bush
The Clean Water, Safe Parks and Community Trails Initiative
Gateway Lions and Partners
St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition
St. Louis Regional Partnership for Excellence in Urban Teacher Preparation

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
The Friends of Greenwood Cemetery
Jobs with Justice, St. Louis Chapter
The Mound City Bar Association
National Conference for Community and Justice
That Uppity Theatre Company

Promoting Stronger Communities
The Christian Activity Center
Grace Hill Women’s Business Center
Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis
Life Science Consultants
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service

FOCUS Leadership Award
Bob Virgil

2000
Creating Quality Educational Opportunities
Yvonne Howze
Richard Mark
OASIS (Older Adults Services and Information Systems)
South Side Day Nursery
Audrey Washington

Demonstrating Innovative Solutions
Forest Park Forever
Housing Comes First
North County CARES (Community Access to Resources, Education, and Services)
Tax Assistance Program
Wheels for Success

Fostering Regional Cooperation
Grand Center Inc.
Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois
Missouri Development Finance Board
St. Louis County and the City of Wellston
Alexander Soetjipto

Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice
Wyndel Hill
Dr. Shohreh Majidi
Project Harmony Program of Rosati-Kain High School
PROUD (People Reaching Out for Unity and Diversity)
St. Louis Community Response Network

**Promoting Stronger Communities**
Carondelet Community Betterment Federation Inc.
Emerson Park Development Corporation
La Clinica
North Webster Neighborhood Coalition
Teen Peer-To-Peer Educators—a Program of Planned Parenthood

**FOCUS Leadership Award**
Joe Edwards

1999

**Improving Academic Achievement and Creating a Safe Learning Environment**
Clay Community Education Center
Vasil Etimoff
Dr. Mary Ellen Finch
St. Paul Saturdays
Dr. Chris Wright

**Fostering Race Relations**
Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity
Greg Freeman
North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice
Maggie Potapchuk
David Warren

**Creating Positive Environments for Children and Youth**
Mildred Jamison
Alison Nash
Jerry and Susan Schlichter
United Services for the Handicapped
Joe W. Wiley

**Building Safe and Viable Neighborhoods**
Joe Edwards
Charlotte Meshell
Mayor Robert Moore
Schnucks
St. Clair County’s Welfare-to-Work Program

**Using Technology to Create Jobs or Improve Service Delivery**
Center for Emerging Technologies
The Cornerstone Partnership
Dana Marshall
Neighborhood Web Fairs
Technology Gateway Alliance

**Promoting Community Health**
Archbishop’s Commission on Community Health
Barbara Bogomolv, RN, BSN, MS
St. Louis ConnectCare
FOCUS Leadership Award
Dr. William Danforth
Minnie Liddell

1998

Improving Education
Fort Bowman Academy
Maryville University and Harris-Stowe State College
MO Joint Legislative Committee on School Desegregation and Finance Issues
The Regional Jobs Initiative
St. Louis Professional Development School Collaboration

Improving Race Relations
The Action Circles Initiative
CommUnity St. Louis
Covenant 2004
A Regional Hate Crime Response Network
The St. Louis Clergy Coalition and the Interfaith Partnership

Revitalizing the Region's Core
Downtown Now!
The Downtown St. Louis Partnership
Eads Bridge Restoration Work
Metropolis St. Louis
Alderman Phyllis Young

Preventing Crime
Cease Fire Initiative
The Family Violence Councils of the St. Louis Region
The Partnership for Children and Youth
The St. Louis Drug Court
The School Resource Officer Program

Fostering Neighborhood Revitalization
Delmar MetroLink Revitalization
The Livable Community Initiative
The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program of Saint Louis University
The Neighborhood Web Fair
Pyramid Construction

Regional Unity
The Center for Emerging Technologies
The Danforth Foundation
Saint Louis 2004
The St. Louis RCGA’s Community Leadership Exchange
The State Games of America

FOCUS Leadership Award
Gail & Bob Cassily
Robert Shannon